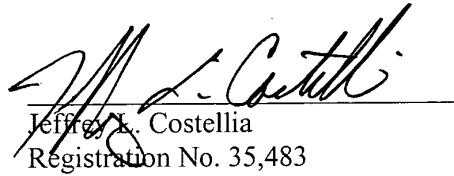


REMARKS

The claims have been amended to correct the improper multiple dependencies and to place them in better condition for examination.

Examination on the merits is requested.

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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE**IN THE CLAIMS:**

3. (AMENDED) A surgical device as claimed in [any one the preceding claims] claim 1, in which the sealing means is provided by a toroid cell (8) to engage the incision between the fixing means (6) and the body cavity engagement means (5).

10. (AMENDED) A surgical device as claimed in Claim 6 [,] or 7 [or 8], in which the external valve created by the inclusion of the foam shell is enhanced by the pressure of the induced gas passing up between the double walled tube and acting to force the opposing faces of film together outside the patients abdominal cavity.

11. (AMENDED) A surgical as claimed in [any one of the preceding claims] Claim 1, in which the sealing means further incorporates a distal valve (31) for insertion into the body cavity.

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